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In re Application of: James L. Brown

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Entitled: **DIAGNOSIS OF AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE****PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the instant application, please amend the application as follows. A list of pending claims as they would appear following entry of this amendment is provided as Appendix I for the Examiner's convenience.

**AMENDMENTS****IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel Claim 2.

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

- B<sup>1</sup>
- AA,
1. (Once Amended) A method for determining the presence of thyroid-stimulating autoantibodies in a test sample, comprising:
    - a) providing:
      - i) a test sample suspected of containing thyroid-stimulating autoantibodies,